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THE CALL.

A National Congress of United Brethren men has been called to meet in Dayton, Ohio, May 5-7, 1914. There has been a growing conviction in many parts of the Church that such a congress is the will of God for our denomination at this time.

The question was thoroughly considered at the recent meeting of the Bishops' Cabinet, which includes the heads of the various departments of the Church, and a general committee was appointed with power to constitute sub-committees, to arrange a program, and to plan all the details for the holding of this important meeting.

PURPOSE.

1. That our denomination may discover its resources in Jesus Christ, and God's will for us in the extension of his kingdom.

2. That we may recount and be grateful for the victories of the past.

3. That the tasks and opportunities now before our Church may be set forth in a comprehensive, constructive and convincing manner.

4. That we may discover the 150,000 members in our communion now not active, and the means by which they may be enlisted in the work of Christ.

5. That strong agencies may be provided for the instruction and training of efficient leadership, both in our local churches and in the general church work, that our entire membership may reach its maximum power in the work of the kingdom.

6. That a workable, inspiring, denominational program and policy may be adopted as we enter the second century since the death of Philip William Otterbein.

PROGRAM.

A strong program is in preparation. Both laymen and ministers will share in the addresses and discussions. The Bishops and other general officers will bring vital messages growing out of actual needs and experiences. Some of the strongest interdenominational speakers of the world will deliver addresses. There will be a wide range of subjects considered, as the statement on "Purpose" indicates, but the themes will be so arranged as to make the program constructive and vitally related to the development of the life and work of our denomination.

In addition to addresses and discussions there will be much attention given to conferences by Bishops' districts, and possibly to conferences of pastors, of conference superintendents, and of laymen. One session will be given up largely to a presentation of our united work for all our benevolences, at which time reports will be heard from local churches and annual conferences.

There will be a great exhibit setting forth the striking features of our missionary work, church erection, educational and publishing work. There will be an exhibition of the latest books and pamphlets on the various phases of the work of the church.

TIME AND PLACE.

The date fixed for the Congress is May 5-7, 1914, and the place, Dayton, Ohio. The first session will be held in the First United Brethren Church, corner Fourth and Perry streets, at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday,

May 5. It is important that every delegate be in his seat at this first session.

By remaining a day or two after the Congress closes, every delegate can gain much through attendance upon the annual board meetings which immediately follow the Congress, and by visiting our splendid publishing plant and other places of interest in and about Dayton.

DELEGATES.

It is very important that delegates should come from all parts of the Church. The goal of every annual conference should be at least twice as many delegates as there were in the last General Conference.

After April 1, 1914, conferences desiring larger representations will be allowed to enroll more delegates if all the conferences have not enrolled their full allotment. In addition to the Bishops, general officers, and presidents of our schools, at least two hundred and fifty laymen and two hundred and fifty pastors should enroll. When the number that can be accommodated has been reached no more credentials will be issued.

Laymen and pastors should mark the date of the Congress on their calendars and plan their work at once with a view to taking part in the meeting. Many a church at its own expense will find it profitable to send its pastor and possibly a layman. In some cases groups of churches are sending delegates. Brotherhoods, Sunday schools, and Young People's societies will send the persons suited to represent them. Many will come at their own expense.

Admission to all the sessions of the Congress will be by ticket. It is important that delegates register

early in order to make certain of a seat in the Congress and to have sufficient time to prepare thoroughly for the meeting. The delegations are filling up rapidly.

NECESSARY EXPENSE.

Every effort will be made to reduce to the minimum the expenses of the delegates while in Dayton. Detailed announcements of entertainment and railroad rates will be made later. Following the custom of such gatherings, a registration fee of $1.00 to assist in meeting the necessary expenses is charged each person who enrolls. The enrollment fee should be sent to H. C. Cridland, Secretary, 702 U. B. Building, Dayton, Ohio, who will issue credentials and furnish full information.

INTERCESSION.

The Congress has been called in answer to prayer. The declared purpose of the meeting cannot be fully realized apart from definite, continuous, fervent prayer, not only on the part of all the delegates, but on the part of the local churches throughout the denomination.

Let prayer begin now for those who have the chief responsibility in planning for the Congress, that the will of God may be done in every phase of the vast and difficult work.

Pray for all who shall bring the messages, and for all the delegates who shall attend that they may enter fully into the purpose of this meeting and be prepared to help work our policies and agencies that shall be blessed of God in leading our Church to understand his full will and to do it.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

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